

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 31, lines 25-30 with the following amended paragraph:

I.M.A.G.E. Consortium Clone ID numbers and the corresponding GenBank accession numbers of sequences identified as belonging to the I.M.A.G.E. Consortium and UniGene clusters, are listed below. Also included are sequences that are not identified as having a Clone ID number but still identified as being those of IL17RB. The sequences include those of the "sense" and complementary strands sequences corresponding to IL17RB. The sequence of each GenBank accession number is presented in the ~~attached Appendix~~ Sequence Listing.

Please add the following new paragraph on page 31, line 31:

Table (i)

Please replace the paragraph on page 39, lines 1-6 with the following amended paragraph:

I.M.A.G.E. Consortium Clone ID numbers and the corresponding GenBank accession numbers of sequences identified as belonging to the I.M.A.G.E. Consortium and UniGene clusters, are listed below. Also included are sequences that are not identified as having a Clone ID number but still identified as being those of CACNA1D. The sequences include those of the "sense" and complementary strands sequences corresponding to CACNA1D. The sequence of each GenBank accession number is presented in the ~~attached Appendix~~ Sequence Listing.

Please add the following new paragraph on page 39, line 7:

Table (ii)

Please replace the paragraph on page 43, lines 9-14 with the following amended paragraph:

I.M.A.G.E. Consortium Clone ID numbers and the corresponding GenBank accession numbers of sequences identified as belonging to the I.M.A.G.E. Consortium and UniGene clusters, are listed below. Also included are sequences that are not identified as having a Clone ID number but still identified as being those of HOXB13. The sequences include those of the "sense" and complementary strands sequences corresponding to HOXB13. The sequence of each GenBank accession number is presented in the ~~attached Appendix~~ Sequence Listing.

Please add the following new paragraph on page 43, line 15:

Table (iii)

Please delete, on pages 74-187, the paragraphs beginning with "Appendix" and ending on line 23 on page 187, inclusive.